

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 2, 2008

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Dean Mathis with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Fred Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, Craig Hawes, Martha Myers, Joe Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present. George Dutro was absent.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the council meeting of December 4, 2007. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Council Member Craig Hawes made a motion to appoint Martha Myers as President Pro Tem for the Columbus City Council for the year 2008. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “B-1” (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) TO “R-6” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).” (Business & Industrial Credit Union) Jeff Bergman, Plan Director, presented this Ordinance. Because the projector was being used at a Planning Commission meeting, Jeff passed out a handout with the different slides regarding this rezoning. The applicant is requesting that an existing lot of 4,800 square feet be rezoned. The property is located at 845 Werner Avenue. This is the former location of the branch office of the Business and Industrial Federal Credit Union. On December 5, 2007 the Columbus Plan Commission met and approved the application. The Plan Commission forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed. There were two members of the public that spoke at the Plan Commission meeting and expressed concerns about parking in the neighborhood if the

property was developed as an apartment building. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- B.** First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-4” (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), TO “R-6” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), AND “SU-17” (SPECIAL USE-INSTITUTIONAL AND PHILANTHROPIC USES) TO “SU-9” (SPECIAL USE-HOSPITALS AND SANITARIUMS.” (Columbus Regional Hospital) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance along with Item C. on the Agenda which speaks of the same property. Jeff passed out handouts regarding this property. He indicated the purpose of the rezoning is to provide for the planned future expansion of the hospital. The property to be rezoned totals approximately 7.752 acres. These areas consist of seventeen (17) residential lots owned by the Hospital in the Circle Terrace Subdivision immediately to the east of the current hospital facility and the northernmost hospital parking area accessed via 22nd Street. On December 5, 2007, the Columbus Plan Commission met and approved the application. The Plan Commission forwarded it to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 10 in favor and 0 opposed. Several adjoining property owners attended the Plan Commission meeting expressing concern about the noise from Lifeline helicopter and the traffic on 22nd and Midway Streets. The Plan Commission did request some minor changes to the site plan drawing. The Planning Department staff did speak to the architect and the concerns have been resolved with all parties including Fire and Police. Brief discussion followed. Craig Hawes made a motion to place in proper channels. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C.** First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2008, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.” (Columbus Regional Hospital) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance which was discussed under Item B. of this Agenda. Craig Hawes moved to place in proper channels. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A.** Discussion item. Proposed Columbus & Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance. Jeff Bergman presented each council member with the new proposed Columbus & Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance. He indicated that years of work have gone into this proposed finished product. He briefly discussed the new Zoning Ordinance and informed the council how to proceed for approval. Discussion followed and it was recommended that Jeff Bergman bring an Ordinance next meeting to begin the adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance.
- B.** Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. – Martha Myers, President Pro Tem for the Columbus City Council, read into record the Columbus City Council Board and Liaison Assignments for 2008. She presented the Clerk Treasurer with a copy of the document. Craig Hawes indicated there were some vacancies on the Human Rights Commission.

Council Person Jesse Brand presented his Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for the record.

- C. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting will be **Wednesday**, January 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer